

Oregon: Marx Wetland/Wet Prairie Restoration Project



Photo: Wetland/wet prairie construction on marginally tillable commercial grass seed field in the Willamette Valley.

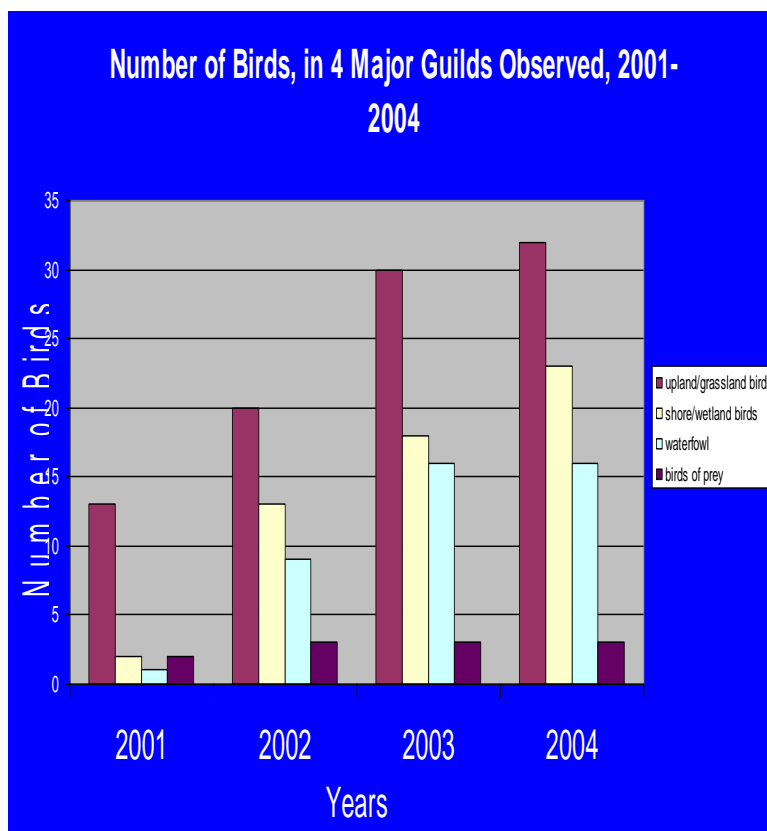
This area was historically wet prairie and had been drained to farm. The Hydrology is such that the field was not tillable every year so the landowner elected to put it back into wetlands and wet prairie. Portions of this project were funded by the Hugh and Jane Ferguson Foundation, Northwest Habitat Institute, Natural Resource Conservation Service, USFWS Partners in Fish and Wildlife Program and LIP. At-risk species include the dusky Canada goose; shorebirds such as the western sand piper, common snipe and red-necked phalarope; and neotropical migrants such as the streaked horn lark, western blue bird, and western meadowlark.



Photo: Restored wetland/wet prairie the following spring.



Photo: The following spring ephemeral wetlands on the wetland/wet prairie restoration project.



Graphic: Bird surveys on the restored wetlands. Year 2001 was pre-restoration and the remaining years post-restoration. Bar represent the number of species observed for four guilds of birds, i.e.

maroon = Upland/grassland birds; tan = shore/wading birds; light blue = waterfowl; purple = birds of prey.